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LOGNOTE — Chief, Operations Group, 18 February 1986

1. [ ] SA/Ops and I met on 14 February with Nicosia Bureau Chief [ ] to discuss his recruiting plans for Arabic monitors in Tunis and his overall monitorial staffing needs. He currently has one vacancy in the Arabic Section and thinks he may have two more upcoming owing to the poor performance of two recent EOD's. He also projects needing one or two additional monitors to cope with the Arabsat workload. Once the one vacancy in the Arabic Section is filled, bureau will be up to [ ] the total number of staff and non-staff positions currently allowed by the Government of Cyprus (GOC). Chuck pointed out that the honorarium we pay to the GOC is coming up for renegotiation soon and that he plans to ask then for an increase in the bureau staffing authorization to [ ] positions to cover all contingencies and to avoid having to seek more positions (and possibly yet another increase in the honorarium) later. He was told to hold off on any recruiting plans for the moment owing to the possible closure of Gulf Bureau and the possibility of transferring some monitors to Nicosia. Chuck asked that it be noted for the record that he would strongly oppose transferring Gulf Chief Monitor [ ] to Cyprus because of the difficulty of fitting him into the staffing structure. He is interested in [ ] a former FBIS monitor currently employed by USIS in Amman, who was being considered for a transfer to Gulf. Only condition is that he would have to come to Nicosia as an FBN-10 and be willing to work as an Arabic monitor, not as an associate editor as projected by Gulf. We advised Chuck we would get back to him once all plans for Gulf Bureau are formulated.

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